AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 18-21 and 23-30 without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter.

Please amend Claim 22 as follows:

1 - 21.   (Canceled)

22.   (Currently Amended) A position detection method ~~according to Claim 18~~ of detecting a position of a mark, said method comprising steps of:

detecting light from the mark under a first detecting condition to obtain a position of the mark as a first position;

detecting light from the mark under a second detecting condition different from the first detecting condition to obtain a position of the mark as a second position;

obtaining previously prepared data for relating a difference between the first and second positions to offset data for offsetting one of the first and second positions; and

detecting the position of the mark based on the first and second positions and the previously prepared data,

wherein the previously prepared data is a coefficient to be multiplied to the difference, and one of the first and second position is offset by a product of the coefficient and the difference to detect the position of the mark.

23 - 30.   (Canceled)